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GREEKS AND FINNS IN RIOTOUS ACTS

ONE MAN UNCONSCIOUS RESULT OF FIST BATTLE.

SHERIFF GOES TO BATTLE SCENE

Members of Road Construction Crew
Drink Fire Water, Use Clubs
Land in Jail.

Deputy Sheriff White was called to Goble Wednesday night to take a hand in a scrap between 3 Russian Finns, 2 Greeks, 1 Italian. The Italian, Mr. Moscos, has the contract for blasting the rock on the new road just below Goble and has in his employ men of various nations, including Finns and Greeks. Last Wednesday evening a portion of the crew went to Goble where they imbibed a little too freely and on returning to their camp became involved in a fight among themselves, and one of them was pretty badly beaten up. However all three managed to reach the house where the Greeks and the employer were, and going inside the blow who was beat up undertook to attack the Greek cook. Another Greek was lying on the bed, suffering from a huge carbuncle on the back of his neck, and after the fight started jumped up from the bed and while calling them nursing his pet, one of the other fellows struck him with a fist, landing square on the caruncle. This was too much for this man and he grabbed up a pick handle and took after the Finns and before he was taken off had beaten his assailant almost to death. The Finn was lying unconscious on the floor with his head beaten into a pulp and cuts and bruises on his body. After seeing the condition of his man the Greek took to his heels and disappeared, and has not yet been apprehended. The Finn was taken to the hospital and at last accounts had regained consciousness. This fight became so severe that the other hollig-erents stopped fighting and went home and undertook to save the Finn from being murdered. In the meantime the Italian went for help and also for a doctor, and when Mr. White arrived took the two Finns into custody and brought them to jail. He is now looking for the Greek who took the pick handle. Lovely time.

EFFICIENCY OF TRAP DEMONSTRATED

Quite a number of people who in the Mist last week about the trap invention by A. T. Laws of this city, have been down to his of looking at it. Some promises were made in the Mist last week as to the trap would do and Mr. Laws has made good on each of them. He set the trap again the other night and when the people came down next morning to see what result was, they discovered the extra full of great big fellows to his promise. Mr. Laws called into the game, and after killing the big rats, Gyp became tired and so other dogs were called into the game. But Mr. Laws has fully demonstrated the usefulness of his invention, and to the satisfaction of everybody who has seen it. Before long the manufacture of these traps will be taken up and they will be on the market.

BUDGET WILL BE READY NEXT WEEK

The County Court is finishing up the budget and it will be ready for publication in our next issue. It is a list of items of expense for the county for the next year, and will be able to study out where the money goes and what it is needed for. The Budget meeting will probably be held about the first of the year, but the exact date has not been determined.

GOOD SAMARITAN DULY REWARDED

Clothing Returned With Check to
Cover All Expense.

Another instance of appreciation for assistance given to the crew of the burning ship, Santa Catalina, near Columbia City on October 18th, by the W. R. Grace Company, is reported from Columbia City. It appears that one of the sailors who jumped overboard at the first alarm of fire was standing cold and wet on the beach and wanted some place to go and dry his clothing. He finally arrived at the home of Mrs. Thayer, who invited him in, and built up a good fire and furnished him with a suit of clothes belonging to her son. The sailor warmed up, and then left for the ship with the borrowed clothing, and he forgot to return. The company was notified and during the past week the clothes were received by Mrs. Thayer from New York, and accompanying the letter notifying of the shipment, was a check to cover all expenses and repay her for the favors extended the crew.

ADVISORY BOARD FIXES ROAD LEVY

Ten-Mill Tax Agreed Upon
For Roads.

WILL RAISE NEAR \$170,000
Some Opposition Interposed, but to
No Avail.

Tuesday the members of the County Court met at the Court House to discuss with the Advisory Board the matters pertaining to the budget of expenses for the coming year. Besides Judge Clark and Commissioners Harvey and Keelan there were present J. A. Schunson, of Rainier; Norman Merrill, of Clatskanie; Harry West, of Scappoose; P. H. Lund, of Warren and Dr. Edwin Ross, of St. Helens. The estimate as prepared by the Judge was considered very carefully and some items were cut down, while others were left as they were. The important feature of the meeting was the discussion of the amount of the tax levy for road purposes for the coming year.

The proposition of making a 10 mill road levy was taken up by the board and discussed at some length. The estimate as prepared contained the item of 10 mills for general road. Dr. Ross and Mr. Lund suggested that a 5 mill levy would be sufficient this year and that a 10 mill levy would be too much of a burden, following on the high levy of last year. However no further action was taken and it was left as the estimate had it, a 10 mill levy, and it is probable that the budget will contain an estimate of 10 mills for general road purposes.

CITIZENSHIP DAY IN CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Eakin was here last Monday listening to the applications of foreigners for citizenship. There was a long list of applicants, some of whom had filed and then failed to appear. Others appeared with witnesses and did not come up to the requirements in the way of educational examinations. Out of the list seven were admitted to full citizenship, as follows: A. H. Wiahkola, of Ingalls; Henry Kreider, of Scappoose; Peter E. Larson, of Quincy; Even M. Rasmussen, of Clatskanie; John S. Jensen, of Clatskanie; August Embe, of Quincy and K. K. Forshang, of Rainier.

CITY MARSHAL CALLS IT A DRAW

A couple of young fellows furnished considerable excitement on the Strand last Monday when they undertook to settle a dispute by testing as to who was the best physical specimen of manhood. After a few minutes of the exhibition the marshal happened along and called a draw and the fighters were marched to the city jail where they rested until morning. Tuesday morning Judge Quick imposed a fine of \$7.00 on one of the belligerents and the other was told to go and fight no more.

INVESTIGATOR LEARNS CAUSE OF HIGH TAX

Will Make Disclosures at Public Meeting to be Held
in St. Helens Next Tuesday.

COUNTY'S LEVIES FOR PAST TEN YEARS SCRUTINIZED

Robert E. Smith, Secretary Oregon Rational Tax Reform
Association, Will Make Known Result of
His Investigations in Oregon.

On Tuesday, December 8th, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., there will be a big taxpayers meeting held at the City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed appropriation for county taxes for next year.

Mr. Robert E. Smith, Secretary of the Oregon Rational Tax Reform Association will be present and will discuss the taxpayers. Mr. Smith has made a very complete investigation of public expenditures in Oregon and is prepared to tell why taxes are high, and who is responsible. Mr. Smith has found some startling conditions in his investigation. In one county he found that it was costing \$132 a month for each inmate of the county poor farm. In another county he found that the county officials were paying over 100 per cent more for culvert material than was being paid by the county officials of an adjoining county. This culvert material was bought from the same company at the same time of the year and shipped from the same warehouse. In another county he found that \$781,000 had been spent for road improvement in the preceding four or five years, and that county had less than three quarters of a mile of good road.

An investigation has been made of the tax rolls of this county for the preceding ten years and Mr. Smith

will analyze the figures which have been compiled and will tell the taxpayers at this meeting who is responsible for the tremendous increase in taxes which the taxpayers of the county have had to bear during the past few years. The budget for the proposed expenditures of this county for next year has now been compiled, and Mr. Smith will discuss this budget and will suggest such reduction as can be made without hampering the machinery of our country.

It is important that every taxpayer of the county who can attend should do so. Mr. Smith represents the Oregon Rational Tax Reform Association, an organization of some of the heavy taxpayers of the state, and from various parts of the state. They have employed Mr. Smith to make a study of conditions in Oregon and to make such recommendations and suggestions as will assist in lowering the taxes. He has done so. He is familiar with conditions all over the state. He is an expert in the business and can give much valuable information to Columbia County taxpayers. Remember the address will be given in the City Hall at St. Helens next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Make your arrangements to attend. It will be of great interest to all and may mean the saving to taxpayers of many hard-earned dollars.

OUTLOOK IS BETTER FOR LUMBER BUSINESS

Prominent California Lumber Dealer Regards the Situation as Having a More
Hopeful Future--Railroads May Soon Begin Buying.

Charles R. McCormick, of San Francisco, arrived in St. Helens today on business connected with his lumbering industries here. Mr. McCormick will remain several days.

That the lumber traffic will improve materially after the first of the year is the opinion of Mr. McCormick. He looks for several factors to bring about this result, among them the probable buying of more lumber by the railroad companies and other large corporations.

"The railroad companies," explains Mr. McCormick, "have not purchased any lumber of consequence for some time. It is my belief that they soon will have to be laying in supplies of this nature. The roads will have to be kept in good shape, as the indications are they will do an enormous business the coming year. The two world's fairs at California—one at San Francisco and the other at San Diego—are attractions, which will bring large crowds to this coast. Under normal conditions the railroads use great quantities of lumber."

Another probable purchase of lumber on an extensive scale cited is Mexico. As soon as conditions down that way become anything like settled, Mr. McCormick seems certain the business interests there will begin importing lumber from the United States. It is believed capital for that purpose will be forthcoming.

"In past years on an average of 100,000,000 feet of lumber a year," he states, "has been sent from here to the copper-mining districts of Arizona. Since the European war started this business has been cut down to about 40 per cent of that amount. The reason for it was because of the poor market for copper. On the breaking out of hostilities and for some time thereafter none of it could be exported. In a few months I think this demand will be restored to its normal condition again. Copper exports are being resumed to

some extent, creating a greater demand for lumber.

"Southern California requires about the same quantity of lumber each year, and I see no reason why the usual amount should not be purchased for that section. The two world's fairs to be held in California the coming year are bound to put new life into that part of the Coast. The one is to be held at San Diego will run from January 1 to the end of 1915. That to be given in San Francisco will continue from February until the following December.

Mr. McCormick says that these expositions will be the means of creating a big travel up and down the Coast by the water route. He states that the preparations for the San Diego fair have practically been completed. In extent he compares it with the Lewis and Clark Exposition held at Portland in 1905.

SUIT IS FILED TO TEST THE LAW

Supreme Court Asked to Con-
strue Capital Punishment
Amendment.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 5.—Proceeding on the theory that the constitutional amendment abolishing capital punishment invalidates the indictments found for murder in the first degree prior to its enactment, William P. Lord, an attorney of Portland, today filed in the Supreme Court an application for a writ of habeas corpus, in behalf of Louis Hing. The hearing will be held on January 15.

Hing was indicted on March 23, jointly with Huey Tung, Fong Lung and Lew Soon, for the murder of Lum Wong on March 22. The amendment, contends his attorney, abolished the death penalty, which is the penalty inflicted for murder in the first degree, and he cannot now be tried on the indictment and is illegally detained.

In the hearing of the case the question whether the amendment

DISCLAIMS ALL KNOWL- EDGE OF CHOWDER

Says Its Superior Quality Exceeded
His Ability to Equal.

An apology is due to somebody. The Mist grievously erred. In an article last week concerning the Poverty Social, it was stated that Billy Fullerton gladdened the hearts of the poor folks with some of his famous clam chowder. The information now comes to us that Billy did not make the clam chowder, but that it was 'he product of some of the ladies. A few people have said the article was much superior to that usually provided by Billy while others say it was inferior. Not having been there the writer is not in a position to judge. If the chowder was superior to that usually provided by Brother Fullerton, we humbly ask the pardon of the ladies for intimating that Billy could compare with them when it comes to preparing the delicious dish. If the Poverty chowder was not so good as Billy makes then we ask forgiveness from our good friend Fullerton. In any event we want somebody to grant us a pardon for saying that Billy Fullerton made the clam chowder.

COUNTY PRINTING IS SENT AWAY

Treasurer Asks for Bids on Tax
Receipts.

CITY FIRM SUCCESSFUL

Nominal Sum in Favor of Foreign
Competition.

County Treasurer Hattan asked for bids from printing houses this week for furnishing of supplies for his office for the collection of taxes this year. The articles wanted were 6000 tax receipts, a warrant register and a collection register. Three Portland houses submitted bids as also did the Mist. The figures were as follows: Bushong & Co., \$134.90; Glass & Prudhomme, \$133.75; Pacific Stationery and Printing Co., \$112.00; Mist Publishing Co., \$129.15. So the supplies for the treasurer's office will probably be furnished by the Pacific Stationery & Printing Co. of Portland. If they can make anything at those figures they are welcome to it so far as the Mist is concerned.

GREAT NORTHERN DRIVEN ASHORE

Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—The steamship Great Northern built by the Cramps for the Great Northern Pacific Steamship company at a cost of \$3,000,000, to run between Astoria and San Francisco, was blown ashore today off Fort Mifflin in a 40 mile gale.

Six tugs after working two and a half hours, pulled the vessel off and it steamed out to sea on a four day's trial trip.

abolishing capital punishment became effective when the polls closed or only after the official canvass and the Governor's proclamation was issued, will be raised. Governor West contends that it did not become effective until after his proclamation was issued, and on this theory he commuted the death sentence of Lloyd H. Wilkins, prior to the canvass, and also the death sentence of John Arthur Pender. If the court holds that the amendment became effective as soon as the polls closed, it is the opinion of the attorneys that the governor's commutation of the sentences of Wilkins and Pender will be invalid, and the penalty for murder in the first degree, having been abolished, Wilkins and Pender will go free. If the court holds, however, that the amendment did not become a law until after the proclamation of the Governor, the commutation of the sentence of Wilkins and Pender will be valid, and they will have to serve their sentence of life imprisonment. Attorney Lord, in discussing the application for a writ of habeas corpus, stated that it paved the way for an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, should the Supreme Court of the state refuse to grant it, and that in such an event he would prosecute an appeal.

MUTTS RESPOND TO HELP NEEDY

MORE THAN FIFTY BUSI-
NESS MEN WANT TO
JOIN CRUSADE.

SPIRIT OF LIBERALITY MANIFEST

Meeting Called for Tuesday Evening
to Perfect Organization for
Relief Work.

The article in last week's Mist suggesting the organization of the Mutt society for assisting worthy poor and needy at Christmas time, has met with hearty response. Nearly 50 men of this city have answered the call and have volunteered to do their full part in the work. One prominent man of the city was very much pleased with the proposition and called on the Editor and stated that he was ready to donate \$20 to the cause. Others have signified willingness to do nearly as much.

The first man to answer the call after the Mist was printed last week was J. H. Thatcher, of the Club Cigar Store. Mr. Thatcher has already the reputation of being one of the best workers along those lines of any man in the community and he was ready at the first suggestion take part in any way he could to assist the needy. The men who have answered the call and have sent letters from all the various business enterprises represented in the city and among the list are a number of working men. But so much earnestness is expressed by those who have applied to become members of the organization that it is fully assured that Christmas in St. Helens this year will be a joyful occasion to many people and children who otherwise would have had a dismal time. One letter received from a Portland citizen who formerly resided here contained some excellent ideas and he wished to be counted in as a member of this organization.

The response to the suggestion has been so hearty and already so many have sent in their names that a meeting will be held at the Council Chambers on next Tuesday night, the City Council having donated the use of the room for the evening. At that time all plans will be made for the carrying into effect of the organization and committees will be appointed. Every person who has sent in his or her name before Tuesday evening is requested to be present and take part in the organization. Remember next Tuesday evening at the Council Chambers in the City Hall at 8 o'clock.

ST. HELENS LAUNDRY CHANGES HANDS

George Watkins of St. Johns Takes
Charge Next Week.

Mr. George Watkins, who has been operating the St. Johns Laundry for some time has purchased the St. Helens Laundry, and will move here next week to take possession. Mr. Watkins is an experienced laundryman and will install new machinery in this plant and be prepared to turn out the very best work for his patrons. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Erway who have been running the St. Helens laundry will move to St. Johns where they, with Mr. G. F. Robertson have purchased the St. Johns Laundry from Mr. Watkins, and will conduct that plant. The deal was closed today making the exchange.

POPULATION OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

According to the report of Labor Commissioner Hoff, who has made an estimate from his records, Columbia County has a population of about 12,000, or an increase of only 2000 since 1910. The law provides for a census to be taken in 1915 by the County Assessor and this will show exactly what the increase has been in the past five years.